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Claims Nos.: 11

Claim 11 is directed to a kit defined only insofar as it is suitable to carry out a method. In the absence of any features defining the components of the kit, said claim is unclear (Art.6 PCT) to the extent that no meaningful search is possible. In view of the fact that suitable kits are defined in claims 12 and 13, no search has been carried out separately for claim 11.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.